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TWELVE PAGES.

FORMAL INSTALLATION MONDAY OF THE NEW COUNTY OFFICERS.

Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen Formally Takes His Place on the Common Pleas Bench.

ADDRESS OF JUDGE UMBEL.

New President Judge Advocates Changes from the Present Order of Things, Including Appointment of Assistant to County Detective.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 6.—The newly elected officers of Fayette county took their positions this morning at the usual ceremony. Most important was the elevation of the common pleas bench of J. Q. Van Swearingen. Impressive ceremonies attended his installation and that of Judge Robert E. Umbel to the President Judge.

Judge Van Swearingen preceded Judge Umbel to the bench. After the room had quieted Clerk William McClelland read the commission of Judge Umbel, elevating him to the position of President Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial district. The commission of Judge Van Swearingen was then read.

As the terms of the court, clerk, stipendiary and matron expired, all were reappointed. They are: Charles Smith, court clerk; stipendiary, Frank Kimberly; Jacob Averell, J. A. Rankin; William Elliott, William Boring, Andrew Bowers; matron, Mrs. Florence Arring, the latter of Connellsville.

On receiving his commission, Judge Umbel delivered an impressive address, beginning with the solemnity of an oath. He expressed the opinion that all talking and other disturbances should cease upon an oath being administered. He further suggested that in the future it would be well to swear in all witnesses in a case at the same time, thus making greater speed possible during the trial.

Relative to the reports of murders and other deeds of violence which are daily reported in the newspapers, Judge Umbel suggested that an assistant to County Detective McBeth be appointed, the territory being too large and populous for one man to cover. In Allegheny county, he explained, there are 16 or 18 county detectives, and there is plenty of work here for another man. He suggested that the County Commissioners take this matter up.

District Attorney Henderson presented his commission for approval and then had the appointment of George Patterson as his assistant approved. Patterson's salary will be \$1,500. The suggestion to increase County Detective McBeth's salary from \$100 a month to \$125 was first approved but later held up until the County Commissioners can consider the matter. It is understood that their approval will be forthcoming.

The first official action of Judge Van Swearingen was to appoint Miss Lucilla Cox as court stenographer. Miss Cox has been employed in the law office of Cooper & Van Swearingen for a number of years, and is one of the best stenographers in Uniontown.

Early this morning Sheriff P. A. Johns and his force took charge of the office vacated by Sheriff N. A. Klefer. It took but a short time to turn over the books and other necessary matters. The new clerk is Harry W. Byrne of Everett.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Abram Newcomer Has Horse Killed Near Ovensdale by the Mt. Pleasant Accommodation.

OWENSDALE, Pa., January 6.—Abram Newcomer narrowly escaped death Sunday morning by being run down by the Mt. Pleasant shifter of the B. & O. Mr. Newcomer was driving across the tracks and did not see the engine bearing down upon him. His horse was struck and instantly killed, while he was thrown some distance away.

The vehicle in which he was riding was demolished. Aside from being bruised and badly shaken up, he was not seriously hurt. Just one week previously J. D. Porter narrowly escaped death at the same place.

TRIMBLE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Scottsdale Men Attend Celebration on Sunday.

SCOTTDAL, Jan. 6.—James and Ebenezer Trimble, were at Georgetown on Sunday attending the celebration of their parents' golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Trimble were surrounded by their seven children and 22 grand children. Mr. Trimble is 74 years old and his wife is 68.

SLEPT IN THE COLD.

Unknown Young Man Expires in Uniontown Hospital from Exposure.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 6.—An unknown young man was found last night lying along the Connellsville road in North Union township. He was in a comatose condition and at first foul play was feared.

He was removed to the hospital where he died from exposure this morning. No marks of violence could be found on his person.

CUTTING AFFRAY.

Dunbar Young Man Attacked by Two Italians Who Had Injured Girl Companion.

DUNBAR, Jan. 6.—Joseph Minor was seriously cut on the head by two Italians last evening when he resented insults offered by them to a young woman who was accompanying him. Minor left the girl standing on the sidewalk near the postoffice for a few moments while he went into a club room. The Italians came up and spoke to her.

Running across the street the young woman endeavored to escape by entering the club, with the Italians close at her heels. As soon as Minor opened the door the Italians left. Minor and the girl followed them on the bridge over the creek, one of the foreigners turning and slashed Minor over the head three times with a knife.

Bert Minor, a brother, and "Jack" Kline came up on the run and administered a severe beating to one of the men and allowed them to go. Joseph Minor was taken to Dr. Brown Colley's office, where Dr. Colley and Dr. William Warren stitched up his scalp.

Constable A. C. Duncan, with Bert Minor and Kinney, started to Pottstown in an effort to arrest the Italians.

CLAIM MILLIONS.

Stillwagon Family Organize to Recover Fortune Said to Be Owning Them in Germany.

Claiming title to property valued at \$20,000,000 and now in possession of the German government, descendants of Peter Stillwagon who came from Germany to America during the war for independence, have banded together to obtain a settlement from the Kaiser's government. The story of their claim opens with the usual romantic flight of the young son of a rich man from the old country, Peter Stillwagon being the only son in the case. The Stillwagon descendants, the majority of whom live in Connellsville, have, through their descent with executive.

Elmer Stillwagon claims that Peter Stillwagon, the runaway from Germany, was his great-great-grandfather. Elmer Stillwagon's share of the fortune would be \$200,000. Other heirs would receive from \$200,000 to \$500,000 each. The heirs look to an early settlement of the case, having retained lawyers to look after their interests and communicated with banks in the Fatherland to establish beyond a doubt the authenticity of their claims.

Thomas P. Jones of Uniontown was unanimously elected attorney. Dr. J. P. Ritenour of Uniontown was elected physician. All other appointments were held over until the regular meeting of the Board on the last Thursday of the month. As Miller was deposed, it is not unlikely that other changes may be made at the County Home.

Joseph Delehanty; Outside Guard, John Grussinger; Trustees, Patrick Mullin, W. J. Callahan and Joseph Manger.

After the exercises at the West End Theatre the assembly marched to the Lyceum skating rink where the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association had arranged an excellent lunch. Attorney James R. Gray was master of ceremonies. Among those who made short talks were F. J. Harrigan and John Irwin of Connellsville and Austin King of Scottdale. Special mass was read yesterday morning in St. John's Catholic church by Rev. Father Spaulding; O. S. B., of St. Vincent's Arch Abbey of Lalrobe. About 450 Knights were present from Connellsville, Scottdale, Jeannette, Homestead, Sharpsburg, Brownsville, Monessen, Steinbushville, Cumberland, Charleroi, Grafton and New Castle.

IS NOW IN JAIL.

Clarence Sweare Swiped a Horse to Assist Him in His Search for Gold.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 4.—Clarence Sweare has been lodged in the county jail after long chase and must answer charges of horse stealing. Sweare was arrested a few days ago, but Burgess Warman turned him loose. It is alleged that he broke into the stables at Gates and swiped a horse.

The man is weak minded. For the past several weeks he has wandered around the county looking for gold.

MARSHALL DEAN IS NOW STEWARD.

Shakeup at the County Home When Poor House Directors Meet.

ALL WAS UNLOOKED FOR

Joseph Miller, the Retiring Stewart, Held the Job Down for Several Terms—Attorney and Physician Elected but Others Were Held Over.

An unexpected shake-up occurred at the County Home on Monday when the Directors of the Poor and House of Employment met and organized for the ensuing year. Marshall Dean of Flatwoods landed the place of Steward and will succeed Joseph Miller, who has held that position for several terms. The unseating of Miller was rather unexpected.

Director Isaac Coffman stood out for Miller, but Dean was elected on the votes of J. J. Barnhart and Thomas Love. The Poor Board organized with the election of Thomas Love as President and Isaac Coffman Secretary.

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DECLARE DIVIDEND.

Citizens Water Company of Confluence Made \$1 Per Cent on Investment Last Year.

CONFLUENCE, Jan. 6.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens Water Company of Confluence was held at the Hotel Dodds on Saturday. After the year's business had been carefully gone over the Directors ordered a dividend of six per cent, payable on January 15, for the year 1907. This is an excellent showing considering the amount of improvements and repairs made during the past year.

The Board of Directors elected for the incoming year are: H. C. Kurtz, E. Van Sickle, H. S. McClure, L. S. Lincoln and Charles Marquart. H. C. Kurtz was elected President; H. S. McClure, Vice President and E. Van Sickle, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Citizens' Company get their supply from Draketown, a short distance from Confluence, and a better quality of water is not supplied any town in the United States. The company also furnish fire protection for the hustling town at the junction of the Yough and Cussellian.

Another Darr Mine Victim. The body of Mike Barana, aged 19 years, a victim of the Darr mine explosion, was brought here Sunday morning and interred in the Greek Cemetery at Leisenring No. 1. Funeral Director J. L. Stader took charge of the body.

NOMINATION PAPERS.

Partial List of Primary Candidates in Fayette County.

PUT OFF TILL THE LAST MINUTE

In Many Districts by Both Parties New Haven Promises to Have a Lively Contest for Town Council and the Office of Constable.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 6.—There was a rush to file nomination papers for the January primary at the Commissioners' office on Saturday afternoon. Most boroughs and townships put the matter off till the last minute. Among the papers that had been filed and checked up this morning by the Commissioners were the following:

Bridgeport, Democratic—Constable, Alonso Beckett; Republican, Council, R. H. Cornish, Clyde B. Miller, Albert McCabe; Constable, Milton Morris; School Director, Dr. Peter F. Smith.

Vanderbilt, Democratic—Council, L. N. Strickler, W. J. Died; Constable, Jacob Harshman; School Director, Calvin Martin, C. E. Arison, Republican.

Hawkinsburg, Democratic—Constable, Henry Sheppard; Auditor, Howard Lau; Council, Martin Heuklinger, A. J. Cochran, Jas. S. Langhorne; School Director, William H. Cochran, C. P. McGibbons, Republican, Council, Layton Forsythe, Joseph R. Cotton, Mode E. Porter; School Director, Russell K. Smith, Joseph Cogan; Auditor, Earl Ober.

Dunbar, Democratic—Council, Stark Dean, Alex. McConnell, Jr., David Greer; Constable, James Harper, George S. Stull; School Director, Price Baker, one year; Harry L. Smith, three years; Charles Neiman, three years; Auditor, Thomas Morrison, two years; Auditor, Thomas Welsh, Republican, Council, Enoch Howell, William Paul, J. W. Lane; School Director, William Wilson, J. B. Henderson; Auditor, Lloyd Shallenberger.

Frankfort, Democratic—Council, Frank Johnson, Auditor, Steven Stabovik.

Fultachance, Democratic—Council, E. A. Bierboor, Samuel Nixon, Ewing Miller, William Dixon, E. D. Humphries; Constable, H. R. Humphries; Martin G. Dunn; School Director, Alonso H. Miller; Charles R. McFay, Republican, Council, John C. Williams, John L. Darby, W. M. Konner, Henry M. Wilson, Grove H. Moore; Constable, W. S. Swany, George Greenleaf, W. H. Miller; Squifer E. Williams; Auditor, Henry G. Dougherty, Frank Johnson.

Markleyburg, Democratic—Council, A. R. Ryle, T. W. Rhodes, James L. Hague; School Director, J. R. A. Altman, P. H. Ralston; Auditor, C. G. Conner, Republican, Constable, Geo. Brown; Council, James H. Smith; School Director, Norman G. Stearns; J. B. Markley, E. M. Thomas; Auditor, Frank Thomas.

Marshall, Democratic—Council, John A. Hileman; Council, Joan A. Hileman, Samuel Gleason, Orville Thomas, Cyrus Glover, S. E. Fulton; School Director, Johnson Norman G. Stearns; Auditor, Frank Thomas.

Marsontown, Democratic—Council, Andrew A. Ryle, T. W. Rhodes, James L. Hague; School Director, J. R. A. Altman, P. H. Ralston; Auditor, C. G. Conner, Republican, Constable, Geo. Brown; Council, James H. Smith; School Director, Johnson Norman G. Stearns; Auditor, Frank Thomas.

McKeesport, Democratic—Council, John A. Hileman; Council, Joan A. Hileman, Samuel Gleason, Orville Thomas, Cyrus Glover, S. E. Fulton; School Director, Johnson Norman G. Stearns; Auditor, Frank Thomas.

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AUDITED ACCOUNTS BEFORE JUDGE WORK

Distribution of Funds Made
in Various Estates of
Long Standing.

TESTIMONY HAD BEEN TAKEN

In Nearly Every Instance Judge Work Himself Had Prepared the Schedules of Distribution From the Evidence Submitted to Him.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 2.—An important session of Orphans' Court was held before Judge Work this morning when a number of long-standing accounts were distributed. In nearly every instance testimony had already been taken and the schedules were prepared by Judge Work himself from the evidence submitted. Before the close of the session Judge Work announced that the audit list set for January 9 has been postponed until the following Monday, January 13.

Attorney Lee Smith presented a petition in the estate of James G. Corristan, who died at Ohiopyle in 1883 leaving a widow and four minor children as heirs. There has been no settlement of this estate. Judge Work approved the agreement with Mrs. Adele Kennedy that she take one of the properties on condition that each of the other heirs be paid \$50 and that Mrs. Kennedy transfer her interests in the remaining properties to the other heirs.

Charles W. Keys and Grace M. Keys were directed to distribute the estate of the late Andrew Keys according to the schedule submitted. This estate is valued at \$5,000.

A balance on hand of \$1,233.06 was reported by James C. Munson, executor and trustee of the estate of Mollie Kishinger of North Union township, who died in 1885. The report of money advanced the heirs was confirmed and the estate divided according to the schedule prepared.

L. D. Miller and C. M. Miller reported a balance of \$2,247.34 on hand in the estate of Jesse Miller, who died in 1872. It was ordered to be distributed.

Administrator R. V. Ritenour was authorized to divide the \$449.58 remaining of the estate of Mary F. Ritenour of near Ohiopyle.

YEAR'S WEATHER

Some Statistics of Interest Compiled By Observer William Hunt of Uniontown.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 3.—The total precipitation of rainfall in Uniontown for the year 1907 was 47.66 inches, according to the records kept by Weather Observer William Hunt from the months February to December, inclusive. The rainfall of 1906 was 41.29 inches. March had the largest rainfall of any of the months with 7.84 inches, while April had the least with 2.60. The normal rainfall for one year is about 42 inches.

The rainfall of the year, compared with the precipitation of 1906, by months, was as follows:

	1906.	1907.
January	1.15	2.07
February	1.88	2.07
March	7.84	4.85
April	2.41	2.60
May	1.77	3.64
June	4.70	4.70
July	2.01	2.01
August	8.22	8.29
September	4.27	2.92
October	5.08	2.87
November	3.85	1.47
December	5.32	5.42
Total	47.66	41.29

The year was, as a whole, damp, characterized by timely rains. There were no droughts or continued cold spells, although the summer was unusually cool. There were also an unusual number of mountain storms during the fall.

The coldest day of the year was February 7 when the mercury stood at 5 degrees below zero. The warmest day of the year was June 23 when the maximum temperature recorded was 91. The maximum and minimum temperature recorded for each month is as follows: February, 34 and 3 below; March, 84; April, 79; May, 55; 31; June, 91; July, 89; August, 87; September, 86; October, 78; 26; November, 67; December, 67, 15. Thus March had the widest range of temperature, the difference between the maximum and the minimum being 63 degrees.

In recording and publishing the weather reports from the various sections of the country, the United States Department of Agriculture issues each month the "Climatological Service," in which appear in tabulated form the reports as sent in by the various weather observers. The information from Fayette county is furnished by Local Observer William Hunt. The Pennsylvania section of the book is under the supervision of T. F. Townsend, while the whole volume is under the direction of Willis L. Moore, of the Weather Bureau at Washington, D. C. The information imparted is most interesting and useful.

New Addition.

A new addition to be used as a kitchen is being built to the rear of the First Presbyterian church. Work on the new addition is rapidly progressing.

AFTERNOON CARD PARTY

Given at the Home of Mrs. J. D. Madigan Yesterday.

An afternoon card party was given Thursday by Mrs. J. D. Madigan and daughter, Mrs. J. L. Dixon, and Mrs. Emma Solson at the home of Mrs. Madigan on East Fairview avenue. The hours were from 2 until 5:30 o'clock. Five hundred was the game played and 12 tables were called into requisition during the afternoon. Red and green were the colors used in the decorations.

At the close of the games the prize was awarded to Mrs. C. W. Hayes, while each guest was presented with a hand painted favor. About 5 o'clock cards were laid aside to partake of a charmingly appointed luncheon. Fifty guests were present. The out of town guests present were Mrs. F. J. Stader, Mrs. John Gillegan, Miss Alice Turner and Mrs. John Murphy, Latrobe; Mrs. M. Foley and Miss Weakland of Meyersdale, and Mrs. J. P. K. Miller and Mrs. John Brennan of Scottdale.

FREIGHT PILES UP IN RAILROAD YARDS

Only the High Class Ton-age Being Moved Promptly.

SMALL PAY FOR THE MONTH

Men Have Lost Much Time on Account of Retrenchment and Checks Will Be Far Below the Average. Same All Over the Road.

Railroad men say that there are 250 cars of freight in the local yards awaiting movement, but that only the most urgent freight is being carried to destination over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. All railroadmen agree that the January pay will be the smallest in many years on the Connellsville Division. The frequent suspension of freight service that has occurred since Christmas, and the curtailment of shop work, will cut the pay roll extremely low. The railroad men expect but little work before the 15th of the month. Instead of the call boys now having to search for men, they are constantly required to tell them "how many times they are out."

One regular man this morning who began thinking it was nearly his turn to get a run, was told that he was No. 28 on the list. At the rate men are being called he has almost a week's vacation ahead of him, and it's after Christmas, too.

Local freight business was never duller, and Agent W. H. Towery was compelled this week to dispense with two clerks at the local office and eight freight handlers. Besides this there have been several half holidays. The amount of local freight is extremely small, and this taken in connection with the small amount of coal and coke traffic makes business very dull.

The same conditions prevail all over the road. Cumberland has suffered severely from the curtailment in the freight business and layoff days over there have been more frequent than here.

ASSEMBLY BALL

Was Attended in New Haven Auditorium Friday by Over Sixty Couples.

One of the largest and most brilliant social functions held here for some time was the assembly dance held Friday evening in the New Haven auditorium under the chairmanship of H. O. Marke and Paul Dick. Over 60 couples were present including many of the younger social set as well as the students from college, with whom the smart gowning of the ladies presented a very pretty and attractive scene. The decorations were red and green. The balcony and pillars were artistically decorated in bunting and Christmas greens, while depending at intervals from the ceiling and chandeliers were large Christmas bells. The floors and chairs were covered with white crash while a large canopy was erected from the pavement to the auditorium.

The affair was handsomely appointed in every way, nothing being left undone by the committee in charge to make the event the social success that it was. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and was indulged in until 2 o'clock. Music was furnished by Thompson's orchestra of Uniontown.

Many out of town guests were present, among whom were Misses Jean Robinson, Mary Hobson, Mabel Witt, Delta Barnes, Helen Eastman, Miss Hopwood, Clark Chisolm, O'Neill Kennedy, Emerson Hess, Albert Hustead and Dr. Howard of Uniontown; Ralph Husband and Miss Irene Husband of Mt. Pleasant; J. W. Peters of Pittsburg, Miss Helen Overholst and Messers Rohr and Gibbard of Scottdale.

Miss Cozette Spence, Roscoe Hough, Henry Brooke, Uniontown; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kurtz and Clarence McGill, Dawson; Miss Morrow, Wilkinsburg; Miss Townsend, Benwood Falls, and Ralph Loucks, Scottdale.

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NEW YEAR RECEPTION.

Brilliant Affair at the Y. M. C. A. Building Wednesday Night.

VARIOUS ATTRACTIONS THERE.

Rooms Were Crowded Throughout the Hours of the Reception and Guests Appeared Highly Pleased With the Entire Entertainment.

The annual reception of the Young Men's Christian Association Wednesday afternoon and evening was a decided success in every respect. The building was brilliantly lighted and decorated for the occasion while other things were planned and executed for the benefit of the guests. The rooms were crowded throughout the day. In the afternoon, from 2 to 5, the children had their lunings and comprised the majority of those entertained. In the evening the affair was largely attended.

There were performances in the gymnasium by the various classes, enlivened by a few exciting basket ball games. In the auditorium the Ladies' Auxiliary served lunch, while the Y. M. C. A. orchestra furnished music for the occasion. Mrs. Herbert Knox sang, accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Simpson.

The educational exhibit on the third floor was one of the most interesting features of the affair. Several hundred people attended the reception.

DOUBLE SURPRISE

Given Thursday Evening at Pennsylvaniaville for Birthday.

PENNSVILLE, Jan. 3.—Mrs. C. H. Stouffer gave a double surprise party on Thursday evening in honor of her husband's 48th birthday, and also as a surprise for her daughter, Miss Mary. The out of town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Newingham, Mr. and Mrs. Blackle and Mr. and Mrs. William Iams of Scottdale; Miss Matilda Stafer and brother William, Misses Lou and Margaret Balsley; Misses Debra, Rose Herbert, Miss Marie Raymond, James Edenthal, George Livingston, Joseph McClelland, John Hart and Earl Longmeier, of Moyer; Miss Grace Means and brothers George and Rainey, of East Connellsville; Miss Ivy Beaver of Bellview and Everett Collins of Vandergrift, Pa.

Mr. Stouffer received a number of beautiful and handsome presents and all who were there enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

MRS. BRANTHOVER

Died Saturday at the Home of Daughter, Mrs. W. H. Thomas, in New Haven.

Mrs. Mary Branthover, aged 76 years, widow of the late Henry Branthover of Scottdale, died this morning shortly before 9 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Main street, New Haven. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Funeral Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thomas residence. Rev. A. J. Ashe, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. W. A. Edid, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiated. Following the services the funeral party left for Scottdale on a special street car, where the interment took place.

Mrs. Branthover was the daughter of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Storer. She was born and reared at Elizabeth, Pa. She was married to Henry Branthover, a resident at that time of Salem, Westmoreland county. Soon after their marriage they went to Scottdale, where Mr. Branthover died in 1880. Mrs. Branthover resided there after her husband's death up to two years ago, when she came to New Haven to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas. Decased had been in failing health for some time. She had been confined to her room for the past two weeks. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Scottdale and always took an active part in church work up until late years, when she was prevented from attending regularly owing to ill health.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Marchand of Morgantown, W. Va., Mrs. W. H. Thomas of New Haven, and one son, Frank M. Branthover, of Atlantic City. Two brothers, Thomas Storer of Brownsville and Roy Bishop of Chicago, Mrs. Edward Bradcock of Woodlawn, Alameda, and Mrs. Thomas First of Scottdale.

His wife, Mrs. Dorcas Bishop, daughter of the late George W. Shaw, also survives him.

MISS FRANCIS DEAD.

Aged Woman Expired at Her Baldwin Avenue Home This Morning. Buried Tomorrow.

Miss Phoebe Anna Francis, a well known resident of Connellsville, died Saturday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Johnston, on Baldwin avenue, after a long illness. Miss Francis was 68 years of age.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. A. L. Funk of the United Brethren church officiating. The body was interred in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

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MISS TORMAY ENTERTAINS

Twenty School Friends at Trotter Home Wednesday.

Miss Kathryn Tormay, delightfully entertained 20 of her school friends Wednesday at her home at Trotter. The affair was marked by many pretty appointments and the decorations were carried out in keeping with the Yuletide season. Various games helped to make the evening a most enjoyable one until 11 o'clock, when a dainty repast was served. The place cards were daintily hand painted miniature Christmas bells.

The guests included students from St. Aloysius' Academy at New Lexington, O., where the hostess is a student from St. Vincent's at Latrobe. Miss Anna King of Scottdale was an out of town guest.

STUDENTS ENTERTAIN.

A. M. Fuller Gives His Annual Treat to the Schools of Pittsburgh.

PERRYOPOLIS, Jan. 3.—The last term of the High School opened Monday with every student present. A number of the parents of last year's bulletin have written for a reserved space this year.

The New Year's treat donated by A. M. Fuller was distributed Wednesday evening in the High School auditorium before a large audience. The treat of a handsome pound box of candy and an orange reached every child in town regardless of age. The program rendered before Santa Nata's appearance was extremely interesting and appropriate.

The Thespian program rendered last night in the High School auditorium was one of merit and the large number present were much pleased. Following was the program:

Song; Scripture reading; Lord's prayer; minutes of the last society; installation of new officers; President's inaugural address; Melburn Jones; music; orchestra; recitation; Nellie Bratton; oration; William Onguso; Marie Carlson; quotation class; impromptu; J. Clyde Drum; essay; Afternoon drill; P. H. S. girls; eulogy; Edgar Hixenbotham; vocal duet; Nellie M. Bratton and Martha Harris; recitation; Zella Lyon; oration; Ray Chalfant; piano duet; Zella Lyon and Ethel Lowe; debate. Resolved. That the Government of the United States should own and control the telephone and telegraph.

Walter Townsend and Cecil Howell; elegant; Allen Strawn and Edgar Hixenbotham; Searchlight; Martha Harris; critic's remarks; Prof. Snyder; collection song.

The High School students had a surprise party on Prof. Snyder Monday evening, when they presented him with a handsome speaker. The library lectures yesterday afternoon at the library by Flora Carson and John Corcoran were very interesting and informative.

The Indian club drill demonstrated by the girls last evening was pleasing to the eye, as all we have of worth is our health and character. It proved that the High School girls, boys as well, have preserved their health by a system of exercises harmonious with educational development.

The railroad club drill demonstrated by the girls last evening was pleasing to the eye, as all we have of worth is our health and character. It proved that the High School girls, boys as well, have preserved their health by a system of exercises harmonious with educational development.

It is understood that a good sized addition will be built in the rear of the present building. Although the railroad branch will probably be considered entirely separate from the regular organization, it is understood that the facilities and benefits of each will be at the disposal of the other.

HELD FOR COURT.

Mike Means Must Answer to Larceny Charge.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 4.—At a hearing before Square Boyle this morning Mike Means was held for court to answer a charge of larceny preferred by Miss Tillie Hanford, a Point Marion school teacher.

During the recent Teachers' Institute Miss Hanford lost her pocketbook containing \$25. Means later returned it, but is charged with subtracting \$13 of the roll.

New West Penn Counsel.

Attorney L. E. Brownfield has been chosen as counsel for the West Penn Railways Company in Fayette county to succeed Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen, who goes on the Common Pleas bench.

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ANOTHER HOTEL.

Reported That Big Structure Is to be Erected in Uniontown—Property is Leased.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 2.—It is reported here that another big hotel is to be erected here within the next few months. It will be located on Gallatin avenue, between Penn street and Rockstone creek.

The property of John Gallagher, having a frontage of 200 feet, has been leased and Gallagher has no longer to vacate

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COAL ASSESSMENTS IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

The decision of the Westmoreland Court reducing coal assessments in that county \$70 per acre is more intelligent in its definitions than equitable in its deductions. It prefates its findings of facts and law with the following interesting exposition of the lawful manner of making and revising assessments:

The law requires property to be assessed at its fair market value. The duty of the assessor is to value every piece of land at the price which he shall, after due examination and consideration, believe the same would sell for, if sold singly and separately at a bona fide sale, after due public notice.

Any owner of real estate aggrieved by the action of the Commissioners is entitled to an appeal to the Court of Common Pleas, which is empowered "to make such orders and decrees to carry out the intent of the act as to the judges of said Court may seem just and equitable, having due regard to the valuation and assessment made of other real estate in such county or city." The powers of the Court are defined in the act itself. The Justices do not assessors to ascertain values. Their duty is to take a comparative view, having due regard to the valuation of other real estate in the county. The province of the Court is to inquire whether the assessments in consequence of the new law are reasonable, whether the valuation is taxable, whether the valuation is in excess of the legal standard and to secure, so far as possible, uniformity and equalization of values.

The Court makes it plain that it bears and determines such complaints only as are based on alleged excessive and unreasonable valuations. In practice, it never has any other kind. But the Court assumes from the language of the law that its province is always equalization downward, and never upward. "We are charged," the Court repeats, "with seeing that none of it (the coal) is assessed beyond its actual value, or discriminated against in the valuation;" and follows with this further statement:

But the law not only requires property to be assessed at its fair market value, but also aims to have valuations equal and uniform. This is the crux of the question. No matter what plan of assessment is adopted some will have to bear an unequal burden. The function of the Court is to see that a uniform standard has been adopted and generally applied. A uniform standard, it is true, cannot be reduced simply because a few other properties are undervalued. If such were the rule, no plan of assessment could be carried out.

Following out this rule, the Court finds that none of the lands have been assessed beyond their actual value or discriminated against, but it deducts \$70 per acre as the value of the surface lands where such lands are not owned by the coal companies, or where they are assessed separately at the request of the owners. The evidence submitted as to the value of the coal, and the valuations actually set upon it, are as follows:

Field.	Ext.-rec.	Acre.
Connellsville	\$1,000	\$700
Lutie	700	500
Greensburg	700	500
Irwin	300	1,000
Ligonier	600	1,000

If the coal had been assessed in accordance with the language of the law, "at what it would sell for, if sold singly and separately at a bona fide sale, after due public notice," it will be seen from the testimony that it would have been marked up a great deal higher than it actually was; yet it is assessed considerably higher than the coal of neighboring counties, and from this point of view the Westmoreland coal owners are being discriminated against.

But they are not the only class of property-owners that have been discriminated against.

The Court declares that it is the duty of the County Commissioners, "to classify property of the same kind and to apply to it a uniform standard of assessments;" but ought not this uniformity extend to the classifications themselves? We have seen that the coal assessments of Westmoreland county are only about one-half the actual value of the coal; yet we are told by the Westmoreland County School Directors' Association that some other properties are assessed at 80 per cent. of their value. Is this not rank discrimination between the classes?

It is evident that assessments are uniform only in one respect, namely, that they are never made at full value as required by law. The Courts tell us they have no power to increase valuations, even after evidence, but only to decrease them when the properties appear to be "assessed beyond their actual value, or discriminated against in the valuation."

If the law required the assessed valuation to be one-half the actual value,

is it not reasonable to suppose that the law would be more strictly followed with the result that assessments of all kinds would be more equitable?

THE REDUCTION OF COKEERS' WAGES.

The notice of a reduction in coke workers' wages was not a welcome New Year's announcement; but it was not a wholly unexpected one, in spite of the reassuring reports sent out from time to time under color of authority, that there would be no changes in the wage scale or in the prices of oven and furnace products.

The changes in the wage scale have probably been made necessary because the inexorable law of supply and demand had already, in spite of all efforts, made corresponding changes in prices. The return to the wage scale of 1905 is due to a return to the prices of 1905. The coke operators voluntarily shared the good times with their employees and they now demand that the employees share the dull times with them.

This is unfortunate, but it is not wholly bad. The wage scale of 1905 is not the worst in the world. It will enable the miner and drawer to make good wages. The times are not as bad as they have been on other occasions. The country has been on a big spree of extravagant incomes and extravagant living. The people will have to sober up and practise reasonable economy.

One of the evil features of the situation is the continued high prices of foodstuffs. These should come down commensurate with wages and incomes. The Grub Trust should be their standard. Neighbors should assume that they are familiar enough with the subject to be above advice from those whose lives have been spent in and about the mines and have been devoted to the theory and practices of mining. The average legislator knows less about mining than he does about the Constitution, and we have abundant cause to know that his knowledge of the fundamental law is seldom profound.

The mining laws should be referred to a competent committee and that committee should seek the advice and assistance of experts in mining. The mining laws, like the mining practices of Pennsylvania, should be models of their kind.

Much has been proposed that is excellent, and more has been suggested that is impracticable. From all this unsifted mass, the good must be separated from the bad, the useful from the impracticable, the wheat from the chaff; and the separation must be intelligent, accurate and practical. To that end ignorance must be eliminated from every legislator.

The purchase of the Connellsville water plant by the borough has always been a live question and has always had active supporters, but their activity and tenacity has been more remarkable than their foresight or their common sense. The acquisition of the water plant is of doubtful desirability if the borough were financially able to buy it; but since we haven't the money to buy, there's no use considering the question any further.

But in the meantime, it is evident that the Connellsville people have cause to congratulate themselves on the fact that they have water supply which for volume and purity is exceeded by few communities in the country, and for the further fact that its purity is carefully guarded by the company.

A CURRENCY LEAK STOPPED.

Congressman Cooper and J. V. Thompson have done good work for the Western Pennsylvania bankers outside of Pittsburgh by securing an order permitting remittances for internal revenue stamps and postage to be made by bank drafts.

Upon the whole, there will be no lack of interest in the approaching Uniform Primary in Westmoreland and Butler counties.

THE LAW OF 1903
AND COUNCILMANIC TERMS.

The statement in the Courier of yesterday, that the Third Ward would elect two members of Town Council this year, has been called into question, but the question still remains questionable.

The Act of 1903 was drawn for the purpose of making elections to the offices of Town Councilmen uniform throughout the State. There still remains a few boroughs which are electing their Town Councilmen at large, and the boroughs of which Pennsylvania boroughs are endeavoring to do business. Such a code would have no difficulty of passing; and it would not only earn for its author the eternal gratitude of the constantly perplexed citizens, but it would also give such author an unlying fame in the annals of the Keystone State.

Blank's Borough Code, for example, would make Blank's name famous in the legal annals of Pennsylvania. He and his posterity would feel that they had not drawn a blank.

THE NEW POSTOFFICE
AND THE GREATER TOWN.

The evident determination of the Government to build its new postoffice building on the Davidson and Wallace lots means that the authorities recognize the fact that Connellsville at New Haven must soon, in the natural order of things, be consolidated and the borough lines extended beyond present boundaries. The Postoffice Department has located the new post office with a view to its being the center of Greater Connellsville, and the authorities have we think used excellent judgment.

So far as we are able to judge the inference was plain that it did not apply to boroughs which were then electing their Councilmen by wards, as Connellsville had been doing for years.

The Democratic party managers of Connellsville seized upon the law to perpetuate their waning power. The borough had been electing its Councilman under a previous law which provided for the election of one Councilman annually from each ward to serve for two years. At the midnight hour of the last day for filing nominations at the election of 1901, when the law became effective, the Democratic managers filed additional nominations in each ward, and there being no opposition these additional candidates were elected. The court subsequently sustained this proceeding, and thus, without the consent of the people of Connellsville, Democratic rule was established.

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THE MODERN BUCCANEER.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has succeeded in running down one gang of train wreckers; and it, after due trial, they are adjudged guilty, and the pirate who dynamited railroads and murdered for the sheer love of crime. The train wrecker was an outlaw with a price upon his head. No mercy was extended to him. His trial was short and informal. His punishment swift and certain. He suddenly appealed and his appeals were seldom heard.

So should it be with the modern pirate who dynamites railroad passenger trains for purposes of robbery or revenge.

REPUTATED BY THE PRIMARY LAW.

The Mt. Pleasant Journal approves of the candidacy of Colonel Huff for Congress, but thinks he ought to run for the purpose of getting the nomination and handing it over to Butler county. The Journal seems to forget that the conference system has been supplanted by the Uniform Primary law under which the candidate receiving the largest number of votes is declared the nominee of the district.

If the law is not actually unconstitutional, it is at least very defective. It declares that after the casting of votes for the purpose of getting the nomination and handing it over to Butler county, the Journal seems to forget that the conference system has been supplanted by the Uniform Primary law under which the candidate receiving the largest number of votes is declared the nominee of the district.

The Sunshine Club is not a commercial institution, but its profits are those which money cannot buy; and when the end of all things earthly comes, the investor in Sunshine stock will realize that his greatest dividends came from that company.

A formal organization is not necessary to membership in the Sunshine Club. We may all become members without application, without pledges, without dues and without obligations save those which the Sunshine spirit

imposes, the payment of which is always a pleasure and never a hardship.

Sunshine is a boomerang which comes back to the giver and permeates his soul anew with its radiance. It is an investment that never fails to pay handsome dividends. It is one of the really Good Things.

Take some stock!

COLONEL HUFF'S FIGHT
FOR CONGRESS.

The operation of the Uniform Primary law has quieted a great many political calculations, but none more completely than those of Butler county's Congressional aspirants.

Colonel George Franklin Huff, Commander of Finance, Captain of Industry, Past Master of Politicks and the Soldiers' Statesman, who hypnotized the Butler county Republicans into an agreement whereby he was to be given two terms in Congress and then retire in favor of Butler county's choice for two terms, is inclined to think that this agreement is abrogated by the Uniform Primary and he is not bound thereby. As a practical politician he looks only upon the legal side of the question. From this point of view, his deductions are strictly accurate.

Colonel Huff has made a useful member. He has guarded the interests of his constituents with activity, assiduity and ability. He has during a long service become an influential member of the House, and is in a better position to-day to serve his people than ever before. His elevation to the chairmanship of the Committee on Mines and Mining adds materially to his usefulness in a direction especially interesting to Westmoreland county people. It will not be strange if he insist upon his remaining in Congress, a proposition to which the Colonel is evidently not averse.

But there is another Colonel to be reckoned with. Colonel Edward Everard Robbins will, it is announced,

again contest with him the honor of

the nomination at the approaching pri-

mary, and the tormented ambitions of

the Soap Mine residents will not doubt be a factor in the contest.

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**Capt John L. Gans' Letter
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HIS RESIGNATION IS RECEIVED

At Special Meeting Held Saturday Evening and Later Captain Gans Explains Mistake He Made—Finances of the Board.

The School Board is indignant. Likewise do some of its members want a few questions answered. The matter was aired at Saturday night's meeting. Captain John L. Gans, former member of the Board, started all the trouble when he wrote a letter to President W. S. Schenck last week, attempting, it is inferred by several of the Directors, to create an impression that they are not very well in the school laws.

Captain Gans' letter was in effect a slap at the Board for not electing his successor. The Board had been waiting for Gans' resignation which was not forthcoming. It was not negligent, it appears, of the exact date when Captain Gans moved from the Fourth Ward, thereby creating a vacancy to fill.

What astonished the Board more than anything else members said Saturday night is this: If Captain Gans moved from the ward on October 1, as he says he did thereby forfeiting his position on the Board why did he attend a special meeting on October 28, eight days after he moved, and call a special meeting on October 28 when he tendered his resignation as President, but continued as a member?

When President Schenck read the Gans' communication to the Board Saturday night it created a stir. "He certainly must have made a mistake in his dates," exclaimed F. J. Harrigan.

Captain Gans must think he is the only one on the Board who knows anything about the law put in Sec. 40-40 O'Connor. I know that as well as he did, but I didn't know when he moved from town.

Certainly very strange, gentlemen, very strange indeed," commented President Schenck.

Are we to assume that he sat at the chair and transacted business after he ceased being a member of the Board," propounded Director Harrigan with deliberation.

"All the business transacted at those two meetings was certainly illegal," said Dr. M. B. Shone. A man should not take part in the business of the Board after he has ceased being a member."

It appears that a number of bills were ordered paid at the meeting of October 28. That these might have been paid irregularly caused some uneasiness among the members present.

Harry Dunn was elected a member of the Board to succeed Captain Gans. This was predicted in The Courier some weeks ago. As yet Joseph McCormick, elected to succeed W. D. McInnis in the Third Ward has not been sworn in. It is understood that he will not accept the position. The Third Ward has not been accorded full representation for a good many weeks, not in fact since McInnis resigned.

Four bonds of the South Side school fund matured on December 1, and it is proposed to lift these by issuing four Second Ward school bonds to Veil, Roth & Company of Cincinnati, the holders. These new bond will mature in 1919 and are 5 per cent four and one half per cent was paid on the South Side bonds.

It is proposed to transfer the \$4,000 cash saved in this manner to the general fund for the purposes of meeting current expenses. A few months ago \$3,000 was taken from the general fund to meet the expenses of building the Second Ward addition and the \$4,000 will be replacing one half of that amount. The resolution authorizing this proceeding was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9 o'clock.

Captain John L. Gans was first notified of the apparent discrepancy of his dates, relative to his retirement from the School Board by The Courier, when he was reached at his home in Uniontown by telephone last night. When informed that his letter stated that he left the Fourth Ward Connelville on October 15 and that he had since attended meetings of the Board, Captain Gans looked up to the matter further. His explanation is:

"When I wrote the letter to President Schenck last week I was under the impression that I vacated my home in Connellsville on the second. Two days of October. Since the first evening was brought to my attention I saw that it was on the last Tuesday of the month and not the second, that I moved from town."

The actual date of my leaving Connellsville was October 2nd. Since that time I have not attended nor have I participated in any meeting of the School Board.

There is now no question but that the actions of the School Board at those two meetings in dispute were entirely legal nor can Captain Gans be accused of violating the rights by attending the meetings of October 25 and 26.

John H. Cope Dead. John H. Cope, a well known citizen of Uniontown, died at his home on Ben Lomond street at 7 o'clock on Saturday evening, aged 68 years.

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BIG CONVENTION.

Uniontown Moose Are Getting Busy for It Next August.

Uniontown Lodge No. 20 Loyal Order of the Moose will in next August entertain the National convention of that order with many delegates from all over the country. This is quite an honor for Uniontown and the local members will spare no efforts to do themselves proud in the way of entertainment.

The Uniontown Lodge of Moose was organized on June 20 last with 126 members. The present membership is 170. The officers to be installed this week are Ewing B. Marshall, Past Worthy Dictator; Charles M. Fee, First Past Worthy Dictator; Fred N. Pierce, Pride J. W. Brown, Vice Worthy Dictator; Nathaniel Davis, Worthy Dictator; F. P. Alhart, Worthy Treasurer.

GINS BACK HOME.

Chief Rottler Home from Baltimore. Wanderer Was Welcomed Home by His Relatives.

Chief of Police Rottler returned to town Wednesday from Baltimore Md. where he accompanied Captain Gans to that city. Gins who is missing was picked up in town last week having on him several hundred dollars. Rottler and Gans reached Butler late at the time the latter's mother was celebrating her 77th birthday. There was much rejoicing when the missing man returned.

There was no criminal charge of any kind against Gins. He wandered away from home some weeks ago. At the time he had \$700 with him the savings of a lifetime and when apprehended here had but \$50.

Chief Rottler was royally entertained at the monumental City. In addition to getting a warm welcome at the Gins home, he was escorted over the new city hall by a representative of the Baltimore police department and too dinner on board a German vessel which sailed that afternoon for the old country.

Officer Michael McCudden accompanied Rottler and Gins to Cumberland and McCudden went to Weston W. Va. to spend New Years with his parents. He will return to duty Sunday night.

QUIET WEDDING.

Of Mrs. Mae Clark and Charles M. Hyatt at Home of the Bride's Sister.

Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock the marriage of Charles M. Hyatt and Mrs. Mae Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Port Sr. was solemnized at the home of the bride's sister Mrs. Su-an S. Rose, Rev. W. V. Chapman of the First Presbyterian church officiated. Both the bride and groom were unattended and the ceremony was witnessed only by Mr. and Mrs. Rose and the bride's daughter Miss Helen Clark. Following the ceremony a handsomely appointed piano was served at which covers were laid for the immediate relatives of the bride and groom.

The bride looked charming in a champagne colored dress given to her by her father to match Mr. Hyatt's suit. The bride was prominent in both business and social circles. Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt went to Greensburg last night on the streets and from them they boarded a train for the East where they will spend their honeymoon.

EARTHART SENTENCED.

Is Sent to Jail for 30 Days for Being the Proprietor of a Disorderly House.

Louis Larbit was in police court Wednesday. It was shown in evidence that his wife and two girls were arrested yesterday morning for扰乱 disorderly conduct and after hearing the circumstances Binger Sessions directed that he be arrested also.

Chief Rottler got Louis on the Pithouse street Wednesday afternoon. He was charged with being the proprietor of a disorderly house. His wife appeared against him. After learning the evidence Binger Sessions said he decided that it would do the prison good unless he could get off the 32nd, it will be Uniontown for Earthart.

RUNAWAY GIRLS.

They Were Stage Struck and Draft Over to Charleroi in Search for Glory.

UNIONTOWN Jan. 2.—Runaway girls. Uniontown girls, said stage struck have been located in Charleroi. Only the name of one is known. She is Miss Mary Nichols, in company with her companion neither of whom is ever seen. They started on a round of the nickelodeons after making a hit in the local amateur performances. This was Christmas week.

They were finally located in Charleroi where their theatrical ambitions received a severe bump. They were working in a hotel there when found.

Effect a Settlement.

A settlement has been effected in the suit brought recently by the West Penn Lignite Company against Wade H. Edward and Christian Edward, partners doing business as the Edward Coal Company.

THE PRICE OF PAPER.

Cost to the Publishers Is Now Constantly Growing Dearer.

GREAT SPRUCE FORESTS USED.

Eaten Up Annually by the Tremendous Demand of the Great Dairies—The Imports of Wood come from Canada.

WASHINGTON D. C. Dec. 30—Today there's a general complaint among publishers that printing paper is constantly growing dearer. In the Middle West many of the papers are raising their subscription rates 10 per cent in order to cover the paper. From the time that Gutenberg first used movable type made of wood to the present day of metropolian papers some of which consume the produce of acres of spruce in a single editor printing has in very large degree depended upon the forest.

In the face of a threatened shortage of timber the amount of wood consumed each year pulp has increased since 1898 from 2 millions to 12 million cords. The year 1905 marks an increase of 1,000 cords in the imports of pulpwood, the highest average value per cord for all kinds and a consumption greater by 46,000 cords than that of any previous year.

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CANDIDATES ARE CIRCULATING THEIR NOMINATION PAPERS.

Chief Interest in Borough Elections Coming Year Will Be the Fight in Several Wards for School Director.

TWO COUNCILMEN TO ELECT.

Geo W. Leichter is Visiting in the Lone Star State.

Terms of Both Incumbents in the First Ward Exr — Two School Directors to Elect from Same Ward Some Prospective Candidates

The local political set is beginning to boil with a vengeance and a number of nomination papers are being circulated about town. Several of the candidates are working quietly and will not announce their names until after all papers have been properly filed.

The First Ward will be the principal battle ground this spring as there are no borough officers to be elected in the First. There are two Connellsville two School Directors and a Constable to be elected.

In the Second Ward the voters must be content with select or a Constable while that honor is all that the Third has at stake except to elect two School Directors.

In addition to a Constable in the Fourth Ward there are two vacancies in the School Board to be filled. Little is heard from the Fourta where the elections are working quietly.

It is understood that neither George Porter nor John Deen will run for Council again in the First Ward. This leaves the field clear for the new aspirants. Dame Runion whispers that J. Melvin Grey will be one of the Democratic aspirants, while Dr. J. French Kerr and John Kooser will be Republican candidates. It is stated A paper is out for F. Miller, a French engineer at present living at the Westman Hotel, but he will hardly run.

J. S. Barr and James L. Fries will be candidates for the School Board. For Constable Fire Chief J. W. Mitchell will be a candidate on the Republican ticket.

In the Second Ward the Democrats will have a chance to see some fun over the nomination for Constable Chief of Police Rothko, who now holds the job and who has had lease on it for several terms, will meet former Chief of Police John H. Dettemeier who is to be a candidate.

In the third ward Constable Charles Wilson will again be a Democratic candidate but his opponent has not announced himself.

It is said that George Hezel will again oppose the nomination of Joseph T. Crossland in the Democratic ticket in the Fourth. Hezel ran against Crossland three years ago on the famous Citizen's ticket and gave him a hot run.

There are whispers of a Citizens ticket in the Fourth ward as a means of landing on the School Board but this cannot be confirmed. This rumor is to the effect that E. C. Higgins and Dr. R. J. Butcher aspire to sit in that Ward but this morning Higgins denied aspirations along that line. It is understood that President W. S. Schenck will not be a candidate for re-election but he announced his decision so many months ago that there has been time for him to recant.

It is not known who will aspire to represent the Third ward on the School Board a sin. It is thought that Thomas Holt will be a candidate for re-election on the Democratic ticket.

SUSPECT CAUGHT

John Russell of Franklin Township is Charged With the Star Junction Holdups

After a chase of five or six miles across the country from Rostrick towards Scranton John Russell a well known character who lived near Hill's Bridge in Franklin township was in Sam Minette and Frank Reppert's drug store being the ring-leader of the gang which held up Dr. James L. Cochran of Star Junction and several others in the neighborhood of Star Junction and Perryopolis Sunday night.

Russell's home has been abandoned the women and children who occupied his house were gone and nothing was left when the officers reached there yesterday except a table or so and a few chairs.

Trice of Russell was picked up at once. He had been about Rostrick during the morning and was seen making his way southward towards the West Virginia line. Con to Detective Alex McBeth Constable M. Morris and State Policeman Allen G. Lithgoe who were out on the case made good use of the telephone.

Eads Pratt, special policeman for W. J. Rawles was sent out to watch for Russell and he picked up the hunted man walking along the road between the Farnhams works and the Taylor Coal & Coke Company plant about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Russell is in jail awaiting a hearing.

Going to Germany

Andrew Haas is planning a trip to Germany for a part composed of Charles Winge wright of Belleville formerly of Connellsville. Deceased was 15 years old and was a nephew of Mrs. S. D. McGraw of East Farnham avenue. They will sail in June.

WILL PROBATED.

That of Redstone Township Man is Filed at Uniontown

UNIONTOWN Jan 1.—The will of William D. Price late of Redstone township was admitted to probate this morning. The interest on which is to be used in keeping up the family burial lot. The devise provides that a monument not to exceed \$500 be erected for himself and wife.

It is directed that the home shall be sold. The balance of the estate is left to the widow Sarah Price and that she is to revert to their adopted daughter the wife of Thomas Scott

which when train stops here on route east.

June 1—J. Q. Van Sweringen nominated for the Common Pleas bench over Judge J. H. Keppert.

June 2—Justice Bancroft of South Carolina is elected at 11 o'clock in the plant of Highland Chem. Co., p.m.

June 3—Grand Jury continues report

Review of News for

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The Year 1907.

Following is a condensed review of the chief local news events of the year compiled from the files of the Daily Courier.

January 1—Mrs. Marcus Marlett and son in a shooting at 11:30 a.m. in front of their home in the child. Another boy also killed.

January 2—Mrs. Anna Lewis, wife of Fred Lewis, a Connellsville citizen, died at 11:30 a.m.

January 3—Mrs. Lucille Purcell of Connellsville, taking care of her husband, a burly man, was found dead in a burning house in the city.

January 4—John Lewis, 17, when

he was 16, was taken to prison

January 5—William McLean, 18, was

convicted of the murder of his

January 6—Three men injured when

they were shot by a bullet

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SPECIAL OFFICER

Asked to Guard Brownsville Home of R. Friedman, Threatened by Black Hand

UNIONTOWN Jan 1—Apprehensions have made to District Attorney Henderson County Detective McBeth and county officials for a special officer to be detailed at Brownsville for the purpose of guarding the home of R. Friedman against subsequent attacks on the part of alleged Black Hand members.

Since the attempt to burn down

the home of Friedman, the

Black Hand has been

quiet for a week.

County Detective McBeth is looking

for a suitable man for the place

and as soon as he can be found the

family will be given protection.

NEAK THIEVES

Break Into Two Houses at Mt. Pleasant and Loot Small Bank of \$30

CONGRESS, Pa., January 1—The home of Frank Peiffer on the corner of Depot and Smithfield streets was looted by burglars between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning and have been effected through a back window. The robbers secured no hit but a small safe out in a back room containing \$300 and \$200 in cash.

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for a suitable man for the place

and as soon as he can be found the

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BOOMS MILLER.

Commissioner M. E. Townsend Thinks the Best Ever

UNIONTOWN Dec 31—Although Commissioner M. E. Townsend votes for the best ever, he has his objections in that locality most of the time he is taking a day off to boom a candidate in Jefferson hall.

Commissioner Townsend thinks that Joseph W. Miller of the township is the best Assessor in the county and doesn't hesitate to say so. He exhibits Miller's books with much pride.

Many of the assessors have made their returns but none of them has anything on Miller whose book is kept neat and up to date. Miller doesn't cop from previous assessments, says Townsend, and yet he covers his district as quickly as anyone.

The bill handled by Assessors Mill this year was \$1,602. Here are some of the bills from other districts.

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HIS COURTSHIP

By HELEN R. MARTIN,

Author of "Tillie A Mennonite Maid"

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His questions agitated her, he saw and he didn't believe she was being candid with him so he reluctantly dropped them. He remained silent to give her a chance to tell him why she sought him here at hour when all the rest of the family were abroad.

"I want to ask you, she began timidly, "to tell me something if you are quite willing to spare your time to me."

The occasional unusualness of her mode of expression struck me as telling of forebodings. Here was another phase of the mystery of her.

"I could think better use of my time," he answered, "ask me anything that you like child."

The kindness of tone as he called her "child" made her eyes grow and deny misty so novel it was to hear herself spoken as though she were not a chattel or a slave. Her voice as she answered him was very low and sweet.

"I am anxious to have you tell me whether a girl like me could find a place out in the world where she could earn her living?"

It was to ask him this that she had come to him tonight. But would it not have been a "no" that ran for her to have gone to Georgiana or Daisy with such an inquiry? He wondered why she had chosen to ask him in preference to them.

"It depends upon the sort of place you would want. Some sort of work are easy to secure. Others are not. What kind of work do you mean?"

"That's what I hoped you could tell me—the sort of work there is in town whereby a girl like me could earn her living."

"Domestic service," he hesitated suggested. But somehow in spite of her servitude to the farmers' family this struck him as utterly disgraceful. "Places for domestic service can be secured easier—almost on your own terms. But if you are thinking of some other sort of occupation—

He paused questioningly but she said nothing. Only her oppressed eagerness urged him on.

I should have to know more about you before I could judge of your chances."

Again he paused, but she remained silent.

"If you will tell me something of yourself, he suggested.

She looked surprised. "But there is nothing to tell of me more than what you yourself have seen."

He looked at her with searching eyes. Isn't it so?"

No, she answered with a frankness that ought to have carried conviction.

"Could you do any other sort of work than what I have seen you doing and housework?"

"I don't know. What other things are done by women?

Well there are shop-girls, telegraphers, milliners, schoolteachers, teachers—He turned and again looked at her keenly. Would you like to teach me, I asked him?

But I haven't any education.

"Just how much school do you have had?"

"I was taken out of school when I was twelve years old.

"And have had no instruction of any sort since then?"

"No."

"And never have been off the farm?"

"Never except the few times that I have been in town to the market for a half day."

"Then I guess he inquired within his pressure that I ask him whether he could plainly see her countenance. His question brought a start, I look to her eyes and again in a wild rose rise in a long dead breath. She did not attempt to answer him.

"Well, he pressed his inquiry with a true interest."

I didn't realize that it was no tickle—my not speaking as the rest speak," she faltered.

"And how does it come that you don't speak as the rest speak?"

"I never thought about it. If I have come to speak like the others from the rest of the family it has been unconsciously."

"Ah," he commented thoughtfully. "Remarkable! Remarkable—that you should make use of a vocabulary that you have never heard spoken. Have you, possibly, come unconsciously to speaking resemblance also with French and German?"

"I should think that must be an unusual possibility—to come unconsciously to a knowledge of a foreign tongue," she answered seriously, evidently caused at least to the language of some one else.

"Not more so than what you would have me believe—that with no soul left after your twelfth year and with no environment or association except that of this farmer's family you should well go no further than acquainted with men of the English language which would be as foreign to the rest of this household as Italian or Spanish now then how do you account for it?"

The little pucker in her brow indicated to him how his inquisitive ness troubled her. She turned to him with various appeal in her eyes as it necessary to account for it before you can advise me?"

"Yes, it is," he stubbornly persisted. "The more I know about you the better I can help you."

She dropped her eyes and did not at once answer. But presently with evident great reluctance she spoke. "If a talk in a more educated way than the rest of the family it is only because I have read a few books that came in my way."

I should think a few books indeed would come in your way on this trip?" He put it questioningly. I have never seen you so much as look at my books when they have been lying about. What books ever come in your way?" Mrs. Morningstar says this is the first summer she has taken boarders since she gave up keeping a hotel twenty one years ago. And when in God's name do you let time to read when even a chance newspaper has to be read suspiciously between trips to the spring house for oil. Look here I heard you say last night that old Morningstar wouldn't let you read anything but the Bible on Sundays and that that day was the only time you had to read it and you do mind Miss Klem's offer of books?

The troubled pucker in her brow faded as her chin quivered and he had the charm of thinking she was going to cry when to his astonishment a little smile of pleasure broke from her. He had never seen her even smile and he would as soon have looked for a book from a Miller Doloroso. He was sure that William was not more dismouned when his waxed conventional than he was to hear this first laugh. Somehow the bare idea of laughter was eliminated from the expression one gathered of her from day to day. But then no two things about her did fit together.

He took his cigar from his mouth and increased the bubble mouth before him with a clever which made the others fall in embarrassment. Then taking his back on him he continued to smile.

He said nothing but let you go now. You have no money for the old skinflint. To spin you off struggle with him why don't you get away secretly and let him have it out with himself after you are gone?"

I have a suspicion that way of leaving but I have decided to wait until I get to the city. But more than that I fear Abe.

I should think so he agreed. He wondered if this signified that she did or did not intend to leave him.

Which you will eventually do," he said. "Pardon me—I promised to ask no more question. Now as to these Morristars of course there will be a few when they do go. Are you going? Can you stand up against it?"

"It will be worse," she sighed.

But he does not. He knows nothing about your interruption. A studied look glinted in her face. "You will not tell him," she retorted unctuously.

"I will. But you say it is he who tells you you are free to leave him."

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A DARR MINE BENEFIT

Arranged on Big Scale by Relief Committee at Pittsburgh.

COMMITTEE ALSO ORGANIZES.

Several Additions Were Made to It and Contributions Amounting to Several Thousand Dollars Reported How to Send Contributions.

PITTSBURG Jan 8—Arrangements were perfected yesterday afternoon for a big benefit concert to be held next Thursday evening for the relief of the Darr mine sufferers. The arrangements were made at a meeting held in Mayor Guthrie's office at City Hall. Other important matters in connection with the relief work were disposed of. The Mayor was absent owing to illness. The concert will be given in Carnegie Music Hall by the Pittsburgh orchestra. Mendelssohn Club of McKeesport and the Varsity Club.

Those present at yesterday's meeting were Major W. H. Coleman of McKeesport, who presided; Oliver McClintock, the Baron Julius Boenitz, Consul from Austro-Hungary; John B. Jackson, R. C. Hall, F. Feehan, President of the United Mine Workers; Thomas Lynch, P. J. McAndrews of the Amalgamated Association of Iron & Steel Workers; Arthur E. Ireland, President of the Iron City Trade Council; James S. Clark Vice President of the United Mine Workers; Joseph Natalie, Acting Italian Vice Consul; W. C. Cromemeyer, President of the McKeesport Chamber of Commerce, and J. R. Stauffer, the Steelville banker.

This Committee on Subscriptions to the General Fund was appointed Major George W. Guthrie of Pittsburgh; Major W. H. Coleman of McKeesport; Mr. F. Feehan, H. D. W. English, President of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce; and Bishop J. F. Regis, Canon.

The members of the Executive Committee were appointed as follows: Chairman, Major Guthrie; Secretary, Oliver McClintock; Assistant Secretary, C. J. Joyce; Mayor Coleman; Burgess, Thomas Lynch, and James S. Clark. These committees will meet in a few days to organize their work.

Bishop Kevin, Bishop Corrath, Whitehead, John W. Crawford, President of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, and C. J. Joyce were added to the General Committee. It was decided that the name of the organization be "The Darr Mine Relief Committee."

Secretary Logan McFee of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce reported that \$7,000 in contributions had been received by the cash or for the relief fund. F. Feehan also reported that in advance of the general call for funds the mine workers have contributed some \$4,000.

Baron Boenitz surprised the committee by stating that his government has given \$6,000 to the families of miners killed in the Darr mine.

No nongangs and bars in mine accidents are proportionate sum of which will be placed at the disposal of the relief committee.

The committee wishes all persons collecting or intending to collect funds for the relief of the families of the miners to communicate with John B. Jackson, treasurer of the committee at the Fidelity Title & Trust Company, in Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, that all moneys and checks be sent to him as early as possible.

GOING SOME.

Smithfield Colored Couple Who Give Promise of Establishing a Record in Progeny

SMITHFIELD Jan 8—Smithfield has a young married couple here that in the way of multiplying and replenishing the earth knocks the spots of H. J. Rankin and wife of Nicholson township who have been married 25 years and have 16 children. William Allen and wife a bushy young color couple of George's townships have been married only five years and eight children have been born unto them.

At the same ratio of increase by the time they are 25 years married they would have five times eight or a progeny of 40 enough to start a district school. They are both young and there is no telling what may yet happen.

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MAKE DEFENSE

Road Supervisors Deny Claim of Orient Coke Company

UNIONTOWN Jan 8—Attorney Davis W. Henderson this morning filed an affidavit of defense in behalf of W. J. Noble, A. W. Davidson and J. R. Colley, road supervisors of Red stone township in which they deny the claim of \$542.55 entered by the Orient Coke Company for ashes haul'd.

While the supervisors admit a portion of the debt they say the company was notified to cease hauling ashes for the county after September 10. This the company did not do they say.

JAMES C. HOOP

STRANGELY MISSING.

Former Connellsburg Boy Has Disappeared from Beaver Falls.

NOT A CLUE IS UNearthed

Although the Family Has Offered Reward for Information Leading to His Recovery—Was Subject to Spells That Left His Mind Unbalanced

It has just been announced here that James C. Hoop son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoop of New Haven has been missing from Beaver Falls. Previously he was employed by the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad since the night of December 27. Efforts were made to withhold the facts from parents in the hope that some trace of him might be found. To the present time not a single clue has been secured as to his whereabouts.

The disappearance is apparently an unsolvable mystery. The young man was the victim of heart trouble and suffered spells which would leave him delirious for several hours at a time. It is presumed that he has been strayed with one of these and wandered away. To what point no one yet knows.

The missing man was 34 years old and a single. He was well known in Beaver Falls where he had been located for the past seven years. The fact that one so popular should drop out of sight without leaving a trace behind adds to the mystery.

For several days John H. Hoop, a brother also employed by the Pittsburg & Lake Erie worked alone in the hope of finding some trace of his brother.

Following the death of his wife Daniel Colman of Somersett, Pa., executed and died on Dec. 14, 1907, in Brothersville and Union townships in Beaver Falls, his fortune was sold and the proceeds distributed among his relatives. The amount left him was \$100,000 worth of property to his wife.

He was succeeded by his son, Daniel Colman, his son-in-law, David Landis, and W. G. Sivits, a local attorney, who succeeded him in the practice of law.

Three years after the death of Daniel Colman, descendants most

grandchildren remained in the family.

In Pitts' Ellen and Michael Ansel, R. Sivits, Linda H. Baier, A. Brant, Irvin Brant, David Landis, and

W. G. Sivits, all of whom are

now deceased.

On the 27th of December, 1907, the

husband of Linda H. Baier, David Landis, and W. G. Sivits, were

buried in the cemetery of the

Methodist church.

The Hoop case is somewhat similar to that of Peckham G. Dibbs, the Altonian, cousin to L. L. Lathrop, who disappeared so mysteriously last September. Their C. Hoop was a young man of exemplary habits. He was an absolutely no trouble of any kind. At the time of his disappearance he had but little money on his person. He left his work last Friday evening and is said to have been seen on the streets of Beaver Falls at 7 o'clock. Then he dropped completely out of sight. He did not return to his boarding house that evening.

Clarence C. Hoop returned last night after a fruitless search in Beaver Falls. The Pittsburgh police a week ago notified and a reward of \$100 was offered by the family for information that will lead to the location of the missing man.

Yesterday notices were posted of a reduction in wages which will affect every man in love.

They are the men who will keep an election victory over who

man is winning trial for all good cause to stick to it. In circuit

running rumors are to its condition.

Although no statement was filed

with the claim, it is understood that the 33 days will be asked.

DRUG STORE ROBBED.

For Third Time Barkley's Place Entered Wednesday Night by Thieves.

CIGARS AND PIPES WERE TAKEN

Robbers Broke Into the Store by Breaking a Lock From the Outside Cellar Door—Store Was Also Entered Christmas Eve.

Burglars were again active Wednesday night and for the third time the drug store of H. F. Buckley on South Pittsburg street was broken into and robbed. This time the intruders got but little. It is estimated that a few dollars will cover the entire loss although those at the store were reluctant to give any information this morning. Proprietor Buckley being out of town.

Several pipes and some cigars and stamps are missing. Likewise all 21 cents disappear from the slot machine on one of the counters.

Entrance was gained by breaking the lock from the outside cellar door.

The intruders entered the main part of the store by opening a trap door in the floor. When Ralph Miller opened the store this morning he noticed that the store had been robbed.

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